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PROHIBITION IN KANSAS.

Whenever a local option election is on in any of the counties of this state the liquor interests make it a point to furnish the people with literature showing the failure of prohibition laws wherever they have been tried.

But here are some official statistics from Kansas, a prohibition state. That they are reliable there can be no doubt as they were taken from the message of Gov. Hoch of that state. He says:

"Thou shalt not" is the proper attitude of Government toward every recognized evil. That the saloon is an evil is now almost universally recognized. No human interest is sacred to it; it voluntarily obeys no law. The Fourth of July appeals not to its patriotism for it has none. It debauches childhood in defiance of law. It is everywhere and always an anarchist.

"Wrong alone is inexpedient. Ultimately some means can always be found to make any right thing practicable. Relatively and everything is relative in this world; the prohibitory policy has been a great success in this state. It has been a great benefit educationally, morally and financially to the people. Yielding it from a lower plane, its economic side, I believe is equally worthy of endorsement. Our per capita wealth (in bank deposits) is over \$100—nearly three times the average of the United States—and nowhere is wealth more equally distributed. A poorhouse is almost a joke in Kansas. Saloons are not commercial necessities. All the money that goes into their tills is just so much taken out of legitimate business channels. The revenue from this source debauches public sentiment, debases public morals and corrupts official channels.

The absurd contention that more liquor is sold in prohibition Kansas than in license states should deceive no one. It is made chiefly by those who would be entirely content with the prohibition policy if their statements were true. But official figures abundantly refute the ridiculous statistics with license. Nebraska, for instance, Nebraska has about one-third less population than has Kansas; but Uncle Sam has collected about \$2,000,000 a year liquor tax, while he has been able to get only about \$100,000 from Kansas. The amount of fermented liquor sold in Kansas is from 6,000 to 10,000 barrels per year, in Nebraska from 20,000 to 30,000 barrels, and in Missouri 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 barrels.

LIVING 100 YEARS.

The London specialist who declared some time since that there are more centenarians in the world than the public generally suspects and that there ought to be a good many more than there are, lays down the following simple rules for long living:

"Be moderate.
"Do not worry.
"Take plenty of sleep.
"Take plenty of exercise.
"Eat plenty of sugar, rice, peas, fruit, potatoes, bread and milk.
"Eat sparingly of fish and meat."
"Almost any person possessing a healthy constitution could live to be a hundred," says the same specialist. Another British scientist has declared that "it is a good working hypothesis to regard the natural life of man as 100 years."

These eminent authorities remove all excuse for death at the early age of 80 or 90.

The patriarch who has attained his "three score and ten" is but a blooming youth, with at least 30 years of hard bustle before him.

He who at that proverbially ripe age thinks he has finished his life job and contentedly lies down to pleasant death is a miserable "quitter."

But these eminent specialists, who talk so learnedly, and, after all, only theorists. Neither of them has yet attained 100 years himself or anywhere near it. Perhaps long before they reach the century mark that now looks so easy to them their error will be buried with them.

For more thousands of years than can be accurately computed men have made it their chief concern to live just as long as they can. Precious few, in modern times at least, have succeeded in passing 100 years. So the secret cannot be as simple as it is made to seem.

"Among the negro races," says the London specialist who has laid down the list of rules, "centenarians are extremely numerous and it is merely because they unconsciously follow these rules. They sleep so much, for instance, that a negro centenarian only spends fifty or sixty years out of his two weeks, while a white man would be awake seventy-five years of the time."

But the specialist fails to give any rules by which a white man may change himself into a negro. Nor is there any argument given to combat the natural feeling that one ought as well be dead as asleep.

Maybe each individual is good for just as much wear and tear.

And really it doesn't matter so much how long we live as how well we live.

It is said that the once festive "Erewhon Scrub" will never forget at least one "pome," and that he even now spends much of his leisure time trying to parody it. All of which cannot be other than gratifying to the author of the "pome."

YES, TIME TO QUIT.

For some time past there has waged a controversy between the editor of the Palatka News and his business rival, the editor of the Times-Herald.

That controversy has now reached the point where a sensible public loses interest—if indeed it ever had any.

Argument has given place to billingsgate and reason has succumbed to passion.

To what extent the editor of the News is culpable, the public, or at least that part of it reading both papers, is best able to judge. He does not profess innocence of an intent to show up his colleague in bad light in so far as one legislative act is concerned. But in so doing, he desires finally and emphatically to assert that he has stated nothing but what he then and now believes to be the truth.

Further, the editor of the News feels that up to the present time he has written no word that could not properly have been spoken before a body of gentlemen in public debate. It is true that there have been published in these columns caustic sentences under which a sensitive man might smart, and the editor feels that he is culpable in that he has been particularly aggravating in treating his colleague in a jocular rather than serious vein.

His sin has been that he has provoked to anger.

The editor of the News always has, and does still regard Mr. McKenzie as a good and kindly man, a man of singularly clean life and honorable purpose. There is nothing inconsistent with this and the belief that he has been imposed upon by designing politicians.

Mr. McKenzie is now a public man. As a member of the legislature his attitude and vote on public questions is open to public criticism. The News has published his vote on one measure and will do so on others whenever in its opinion the public interests or the cause of truth demands his publicity.

As a member of the same legislature, the editor of the News earnestly invites the closest scrutiny of his attitude and vote on all questions before that body.

To the public he desires to say that he regrets only that he should have been the provoking cause of anger and consequent intemperance of language on the part of his colleague.

No man ever accused him of cowardice and neither could he plead guilty to the possession of any bodily infirmity of which he has been accused and which has been held to view as a possible bar to the administration of any deserved chastisement. But he believes that under the circumstances and for the good of this community, true bravery and good citizenship leads in the direction of a pacific rather than a bellicose attitude. He therefore quits.

OUR LIVES.

Our lives are songs. God writes the words.
And we set them to music at pleasure.
And the song grows glad, or sweet, or sad.
As we choose to fashion the measure.
We must write the music, whatever the song.
Whatever its rhyme or meter;
And if it is sad, we can make it glad,
Or if it is sweet, we can make it sweeter.

One has a song that is free and strong,
But the music he writes is minor;
And the song, sad and strain is replete with pain.
And the singer becomes a reaper.

And he thinks God gave him a dirge-like lay.
Nor knows that the words are cheery;
And the song seems lonely and solemn—only because the music is dreary.

And the song of another has through the words
An undertone of sadness;
But he sets it to music of ringing chords,
And makes it a psalm of gladness.

So whether our songs are sad or not,
We can give the world more pleasure
And better ourselves, by setting the words
To a glad, triumphant measure.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Important to Voters.

Questions are being asked by many as to who will be allowed to vote in the coming wet or dry election. Will the registrations books be opened? Will the payment of poll tax now qualify one for voting? The books will not be opened for registration of voters. Neither will the payment of poll taxes at this time qualify any for voting.

Only those who were qualified to vote in the last general election, which was held in Nov. 1906, will be entitled to vote in the wet or dry election to be held on Sept. 30, 1907. This statement is based upon the position taken by Judge Willis upon this point. E. T. KELLUM, Supervisor of Registration, Putnam County, Florida.

Practice trips on the water wagon are now in order.

That the roots of many native plants, growing wild in our American forests, possess remarkable properties for the cure of human ailments is well known. Even the untamed Indian has learned the curative value of some of these and has used the early stages of some of them in his "Favorite Prescription." The Indian never liked to work, he wanted his equal to get well as soon as possible, for that was his great remedy for human ailments. Dr. Pierce uses the same root—called Blue Cohosh—in his "Favorite Prescription," skillfully combined with other agents that make it more effective than any other medicine in curing all the various weaknesses and many ailments peculiar to women.

Many afflicted women have been saved from the operating table and the surgeon's knife by the timely use of Doctor Pierce's "Favorite Prescription." Tenderness over the lower portion of the backache, spells of dizziness, faintness, wearying down in the distress about the stomach, a course of "Favorite Prescription" will work marvelous benefit in all such cases, and generally effect a permanent cure, as is attested in a reasonable length of time.

For a reasonable length of time, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, mild, harmless, yet sure.

What State Editors are Saying

Who Would Change It—

The letter of ex-Governor Fleming criticizing the new State pension law and insisting that it shall be changed so as to exclude veterans who have no need of State assistance, has resulted in much heated controversy, pro and con, and has now reached the point when some of the war veterans are challenging the war records of those on the other side of the issue. All of which proves that, despite gray hairs and bald heads, we are all but children of a larger growth and when we get excited we sometimes stray ridiculously from the point at issue. Meanwhile where is the gentleman with the nerve to go before the people as a candidate for office on a platform which calls for a change in the present law that will make it applicable only to veterans who really need the pension? He's not in sight, and he won't be?—Live Oak Democrat.

Sigo Myers' Lament—

Sigo Myers, a Savannah whiskey dealer, is steeped in gloom because of the passage of the Georgia prohibition law, and, penetrating the future with prophetic eye, he sees the reform distasteful in wait for the reckless and misguided commonwealth. The spirit of heroic ancient knighthood is upon Sigo, and answering the proud challenge of Seab Wright, the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery, the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery, the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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Agree With Don't Do It—

The friends of R. Hudson Burr are urging him not to make the race for governor. It is gradually dawning on the friends of Mr. Burr that he is not of sufficient caliber to fill the gubernatorial chair. We agree with Mr. Burr's friends.—Fernandina Record.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poison, called blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a degeneration of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It corrects the tendency to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Putnam County, Florida, at Palatka in said County and State, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1907, an election will be held in Putnam County, Florida, on the

30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1907, to decide whether the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines or beer shall be prohibited in said County. And the following named persons were, said Board, appointed inspectors and Clerks of election respectively, to hold and conduct said election in the several Precincts in said County, to-wit:

For District No. 1.
Fred Anderson, W. C. Norton, J. W. Cowles, and C. L. Chamberlain, clerk.

For District No. 2.
J. F. Varn, E. M. Angier, G. J. Tucker, and S. H. Causy, clerk.

For District No. 3.
E. B. Wright, H. S. Gove, James Gale, Jr., and J. M. N. Bardi, clerk.

For District No. 4.
H. H. Bryant, W. M. Williams, L. J. McLeod, and A. O. Hiseock, clerk.

For District No. 5.
D. E. Dunbar, M. E. Palmer, John Rafferty, and D. B. Rayburn, clerk.

For District No. 6.
C. C. Middleton, J. P. Bessent, T. A. Harl, and W. E. Hols, clerk.

For District No. 7.
H. A. Bing, C. W. Chaffinch, G. A. Godfrey, and C. W. Cox, clerk.

For District No. 8.
S. W. Bowyer, J. W. Kade, W. F. Rogers, and J. M. Crosby, clerk.

For District No. 9.
Julius Hahn, S. S. Browning, J. D. Hag-an, and J. C. Gould, clerk.

For District No. 10.
S. J. Morfin, F. F. Tenny, Geo. Wilkinson, and E. F. Hubbard, clerk.

For District No. 11.
J. A. King, H. S. McKenzie, T. H. Sands, and R. M. Berry, clerk.

For District No. 12.
Peter Gardner, R. R. Brakeman, R. L. Gay, and C. K. Seck, clerk.

For District No. 13.
A. G. Phillips, M. M. Vickers, Fred Priest, and J. H. Merryday, clerk.

For District No. 14.
C. L. Rowan, H. R. Estes, W. A. Merryday, and John Pollock, clerk.

For District No. 15.
G. J. Velever, Wm. Bates, P. J. Reck, and L. G. Canova, Jr., clerk.

For District No. 16.
J. T. Stetson, D. M. Campbell, J. H. Wylie, and Joseph Stock, clerk.

For District No. 17.
J. A. Knight, R. W. Johnson, W. H. Corbin, and L. W. Johnson, clerk.

For District No. 18.
E. B. Perry, John Price, G. W. Riley, and C. W. Baldwin, clerk.

For District No. 19.
A. J. Padgett, E. H. Green, L. W. Fennell, and A. M. Padgett, clerk.

For District No. 20.
L. Robinson, W. J. McRae, W. A. Williams, and E. R. Cony, clerk.

For District No. 21.
N. C. Crews, J. W. Gilson, Ed. North, and T. P. Hancock, clerk.

For District No. 22.
T. B. Hickenlooper, J. W. Strang, L. E. Weeks, and R. R. Brown, clerk.

For District No. 23.
M. J. James, J. H. Yelverton, H. Merwin, and Tom Holden, clerk.

For District No. 24.
L. L. DeYoung, Robt. Cairns, John Bell, and J. D. Jeffords, clerk.

For District No. 25.
J. C. Hagan, H. M. Watson, A. R. Gomes, and J. B. Johnson, clerk.

For District No. 26.
E. J. McElendon, J. M. Kelly, M. O. Osteen, and T. F. Blount, clerk.

For District No. 27.
W. L. Barr, S. E. Tubbs, A. Brandt, and L. Davis, clerk.

For District No. 28.
JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam County, Fla. 8-16-07

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